JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 26 March 2013

Present:
Roderick Campbell  John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)  Colin Keir
John Lamont (Committee Substitute)  Jenny Marra (Deputy Convener)
Alison McInnes  Graeme Pearson
Sandra White

Apologies were received from David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

   - Police Service of Scotland (Performance) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/61);
   - Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Rules 2013 (SSI 2013/63);
   - Scottish Police Authority (Provision of Goods and Services) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/73);
   - Police Service of Scotland (Temporary Service) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/76);
   - Police Federation (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/86);
   - Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/92).
The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments. In relation to SSI 2013/73, the Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice seeking further information on the instrument.

3. **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the provisions in the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003**: The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to report to the Parliament on the inquiry.

4. **Work programme (in private)**: The Committee reviewed its work programme in relation to consideration of research produced by the Scottish Campaign against Irresponsible Driving and the University of Dundee on fatal road accidents. The Committee agreed to take evidence from the Scottish Campaign against Irresponsible Driving, the University of Dundee, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and Police Scotland at a future meeting. The Committee also agreed to explore whether this evidence could inform its consideration of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Public Bodies Consent (in private)**: The Committee agreed to reconsider its draft report after the UK Government has responded to the House of Commons Justice Committee's report on the Public Bodies (Abolition of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013.

6. **Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons (in private)**: The Committee considered a revised draft report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report.

The meeting closed at 11.34 am.

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